



THE SENATE
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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committees on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 3:04 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Patterson (Maj VC), Sanborn, Allen, Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

Senator George welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to adopt the minutes from the Senate Health Policy Meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, supported by Senator Clarke and the minutes were adopted.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Wayne Kuipers to testify before the committee on Senate Bill 486. After Sen. Kuipers finished his testimony Senator George opened up the floor to questions.

Senator George then noted that the American Red Cross supported the bill, but did not wish to speak; the Department of Community Health Supported the bill, but did not wish to speak; the Gift of Life supported the bill, but did not wish to speak, and the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program supported the bill but did not wish to speak.

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to report Senate Bill 486 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

Yeas: George, Patterson, Sanborn, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator George then noted that the Michigan Community Blood Centers supported Senate Bill 486 and wished to speak. Ms. Linda Barer gave verbal testimony of their support for the bill. After her testimony Senator George opened up the floor to questions.

Once questions on SB 486 were finished Senator George welcomed Mr. Ken Traxler of Kalamazoo to testify on issue regarding getting a copy of an autopsy that was done on his deceased spouse. After he spoke Senator George opened up the floor to questions from the committee.

Senator George then welcomed Mr. Donmichael Loftus of Kalamazoo to testify on the same issue. After Mr. Loftus spoke Senator George then opened up the floor to questions. Hearing none Senator George then welcomed Amy Barkholz and Elizabeth Callahan of the Michigan Hospital Association who gave written and verbal testimony on behalf of the hospitals.

After they spoke Senator George then opened up the floor to questions.

Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee